

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The urgent need for a trained, educated ministry was recognized by the German Baptists as early as 1851 when the first general conference was held in the city of Philadelphia; and,

WHEREAS, The seminary was actually founded seven years later, in 1858, when the American Baptist Convention invited its German counterparts to form their own department at the Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York; and,

WHEREAS, In the early days and well into the 1930's the seminary had an almost monastic atmosphere, for not only were women nonexistent on campus, but marriage was discouraged since the administration determined it could only "harm the student and cause offense to others"; and,

WHEREAS, Such archaic philosophies have long since died, and it was with the forward-thinking, aggressive leadership of President George A. Lang, appointed in 1944, that the newly named "North American Baptist Seminary" determined to relocate in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The move, which occurred on October 17, 1949, made NABS the only graduate seminary of any denomination in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, Since June 11, 1968, when the American Association of Theological Schools gave NABS its first full accreditation in 110 years, enrollment and spirits have been soaring at the seminary; and,

WHEREAS, Now, it is with great humility and with joyful hearts that the North American Baptist Seminary celebrates its 125th year of bringing the knowledge and spirit of God's love to the people of the Midwest:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 14, 1982, as

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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